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Bergen's Primer of Darwinism.⁴—This little book is a convenient one to put into the hands of a preliminary inquirer on the subject of evolution. It takes up successively the variability of species, the systematic order, and the parallels between the ontogeny and phylogeny. A number of illustrations elucidate the subject-matter. The authors have not gone into the discussion of the origin of variation, and of the Neolamarckian and Neodarwinian schools, nor into the question of inheritance of acquired characters. As far as it goes, the book is an excellent one.

Morris on Civilization.⁵—The history of civilization is the history of mankind written from the utilitarian standpoint, rather than from the heroic or romantic. It is the real history, the one which will take the place of all others in our institutions of learning when our teachers have sufficiently escaped from tradition and custom. History as now taught is largely political history, where the occupations of the great majority of mankind are neglected, and in which the deeds of mankind which were best worth doing are unrecorded. Mr. Morris's book is a comprehensive synopsis of the progress of man in all his activities, occupying twenty-four chapters. He treats of population, government, religion, law, philosophy, commerce, wealth, science, art, and education. The erudition necessary for the production of such a work is encyclopædic, and we may say that the work is well done considering the limited space at the author's disposal. His own views are in touch with modern humanitarianism and modern thought, and his unobtrusive presentation of them appears to be the natural outcome of the logic of each subject as it arises. A more definite reference to authorities would have added greatly to the value of the work.

⁴ *A Primer of Darwinism and Organic Evolution.* By J. Y. Bergen, Jr., and Fanny D. Bergen. Boston, 1890, Lee & Shepard. 8vo, pp. 260.

⁵ *Civilization: A Historical Review of its Elements.* By Charles Morris. Chicago, 1890, S. C. Griggs & Co. 8vo, 2 vols., pp. 1000.